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Memorandum of Conversation

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SUBJECT: Secretary's Meeting with Soviet Ambassador

DATE: April 17, 1962
PLACE: Mr. Kohler's Office
TIME: 11:30 a.m.

PARTICIPANTS: UNITED KINGDOM

Lord Hood
Mr. Thomson

UNITED STATES

Mr. Kohler
Mr. Cash

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Mr. Kohler reviewed the memorandum of the conversation between the Secretary and the Soviet Ambassador on April 16.

After this was concluded, Lord Hood commented that the ball was now in the Soviet court.

Mr. Kohler replied that it may be that the Soviets are not anxious to push ahead with the talks on Berlin, but in any event we had gotten in before our nuclear tests.

Lord Hood inquired as to Mr. Kohler's thoughts on how a Western position would be agreed.

Mr. Kohler said he did not quite know the answer. We may now have a little time. If the Soviets do not come back too soon we might carry this over to the Athens NATO meeting.

Lord Hood commented that if the Russians come back next week, the talk could be purely procedural.

Mr. Kohler said this could be, or they could come back with a paper of their own which would put us at a disadvantage.

Mr. Kohler

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Mr. Kohler continued by saying there was no logical explanation of the German reversal on the technical commissions. However, we can accommodate them with respect to a couple of their minor objections. We just disagree with them on nuclear nondiffusion. We could eliminate the reference to Germany. On nonaggression we could force their hand. We could probably produce a somewhat revised paper. We haven't discussed too thoroughly internally what we do next. It may be that we should let matters rest for a day or two.

Lord Hood agreed that there was no rush.

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